



April 21, 2021

Garret Grumbach
400 North Capitol Street
Washington, DC 2002

Dear Mr. Grumbach:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number GSA-2021-000251, submitted on November 9, 2020, in which you requested a copy of nine categories of records. GSA provided you with two files on January 19, 2021 that contained responsive communications for Emily Murphy and Mary Gibert.

Enclosed, please find one additional file containing email communications responsive to your request. The material contained in this file was collected based on searches reasonably anticipated to identify responsive documents. In particular, this file contains email communications between Mary Gibert and any email address that ends in @joebiden.com, @jbrpt.org, or @donaldtrump.com. After a thorough search of agency records, GSA was not able to locate any additional responsive material for Emily Murphy.

In processing your request, GSA has withheld the phone numbers of GSA employees, names of private individuals, and the contact information for non-GSA employees. This is done pursuant to the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We also withheld working drafts of documents, privileged attorney-client communications, and preliminary discussions and information reflecting the deliberative process of the Executive branch. The withheld documents also contain information relating to IT security and building security. This is done pursuant to the fifth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), because release of this information would stifle honest and frank communications and have a chilling effect on discussions involving matters significant to the Executive Branch. The public disclosure of this information may also pose a risk to building security and computer-system security.

As we have withheld information referenced in the above paragraph(s) with the aforementioned FOIA exemption, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link

(<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on your request. Should you have questions, you may contact me at travis.lewis@gsa.gov or contact our GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Duane Smith, at (202) 694-2934 or by email at duane.smith@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Travis Lewis
FOIA Program Manager
Office of General Counsel
General Services Administration